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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1913**  
Yoshitsugu HAMA et al. : **Docket No. 2001-1299A**  
Serial No. 09/955,969 : **Group Art Unit 1723**  
Filed September 20, 2001 : **Examiner Krishnan Menon**

SEMIPERMEABLE MEMBRANE  
SUPPORT AND PROCESS OF  
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**THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.**

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.110  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1723.**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of January 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: